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NEWS -- Office of Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke

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**CATCH BASINS TO BE CLEANED IN
DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL WATERSHED AREA**

County of Los Angeles Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke announced plans to contract for the cleaning of street drains at various locations in the Dominguez Channel Watershed area, including in the cities of Carson and Hawthorne. The work is part of an annual project undertaken by the County to clean all drains in the flood control system prior to the start of the winter storm season in order to reduce the probability of flooding due to plugged catch basins and to reduce trash and debris entering the channels. The cleaning will also improve the quality of the stormwater that moves through the channels and into the ocean.

Bids on a contract to perform the work will be opened May 18 by the County Department of Public Works.

The project is expected to take 50 working days, starting in July and ending in September. The project is not expected to disrupt traffic.

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(Similar release sent to Supervisor Knabe.)

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